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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-119234 published in Japan on April 23, 2002;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-306099 published in Japan on October 22, 2002;
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 7-203886 published in Japan on August 8, 1995; and
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2000-245376 published in Japan on September 12, 2000.

The above-listed prior art, which are all in Japanese, are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application.

Though these prior art A-D cited in the Search Report are not in the English language,

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Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,  
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